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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PLENARY ACTION DECEMBER 17 ON KHMER CREDENTIALS

REF: USUN 5627, STATE 245010

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTELS, POLITICAL OFFICER TODAY RAISED SUBJECT WITH MATTI TUOVINEN, CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION OF FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY. TUOVINEN FIRST SAID THAT FINLAND INTENDED TO ABSTAIN, AS IT HAD ON THE RECENT DEFERMENT ISSUE.

2. WHEN POLOFF MADE ARGUMENTS CONTAINED IN REFTELS, TUOVINEN REJECTED SOUTH AFRICAN ANALOGY BY SAYING THAT IT WAS QUESTION OF EXPELLING UN MEMBER, AND THAT IN ANY CASE FINLAND HAD BOTH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND CONSIDERABLE TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH IT DID NOT WITH CAMBODIA. TUOVINEN FURTHER MADE USUAL ARGUMENT THAT FINLAND RECOGNIZED STATES RATHER THAN GOVERNMENTS, AND DID NOT WISH TO TAKE
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SIDES ON SIHANOUK-LON NOL DISPUTE. TUOVINEN

WAS NOT CONVINCED THAT MATTER WAS TECHNICAL
RATHER THAN POLITICAL, BUT WAS PERSUADED THAT
IT COULD SET A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT AND THAT
WITHHOLDING APPROVAL OF KHMER CREDENTIALS WOULD
BE TANTAMOUNT TO AT LEAST TEMPORARY EXPULSION
OF UN MEMBER.

3. WITHOUT COMMITTING HIMSELF OR GOF TO CHANGING
POSTIONS, TUOVINEN PROMISED TO TAKE MATTER UP
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN RIGHT AWAY
FOR RECONSIDERATION.

COMMENT: WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO HOLD OUT ANY GREAT
HOPE, HOWEVER, OF THE FINNS COMING AROUND TO SEE
THINGS OUR WAY ON THIS ISSUE. IT IS JUST NOT
IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO THEM TO RISK BEING OUT OF
STEP WITH NORWEGIANS AND SWEDES.
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